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Drawing Amendments

There are no amendments to the drawings.

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Remarks

The Advisory Action mailed 05/11/2005 continued the rejection of claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,453,022 of J.B. Weinman, Jr. (hereafter referred to as Weinman) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,768,722 of H.P. Katseff, et al (hereafter referred to as Katseff) as set forth in Final Office Action mailed on 03/07/2005. Claims 1 and 6 are being amended.

Rejection of Claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

This rejection is respectfully traversed. Amended claim 1 recites:

A method for controlling a conference call of a plurality of communication terminals, comprising the steps of:

displaying on a first one of the plurality of communication terminals an identity of a second one of the plurality of communication terminals in response to a first signal from the first one of the plurality of communication terminals;

disabling audio information received from the second one of the plurality of communication terminals on the conference call in response to a second signal from the first one of the plurality of communication terminals;

re-enabling the audio information received from the second one of the plurality of communication terminals on the conference call in response to a third signal from the second one of the plurality of communication terminals after the audio information from the second

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one of the plurality of communication terminals had previously been disabled by the second signal; and

re-enabling the audio information received from the second one of the plurality of communication terminals on the conference call in response to a fourth signal from a third one of the plurality of communication terminals after the audio information from the second one of the plurality of communication terminals had previously been disabled by the second signal.

A system in accordance with the steps recited in amended claim 1 would allow a first terminal to disable audio information from a second terminal being included in a conference call. Further, the second terminal can re-enable its audio information to be included in the conference after the audio information from the second terminal had been disabled by the first terminal. To re-enable the use of its audio information in the conference call, the second terminal transmits a third signal that overrides the operations of a second signal from the first terminal which had originally disabled the use of the audio information from the second terminal in the conference call. In addition, a third terminal can also override the operations of the second signal: (See page 5, lines 3-15, page 7, lines 2-9, and FIG. 2.)

Weinman and Katseff separately or combined do not disclose that a third terminal distinct from the terminal (first terminal) that muted another terminal (second terminal) can unmute the other terminal. Applicants continue to maintain the Weinman and Katseff separately or combined do not disclose that the other terminal can un-mute itself.

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In summary, amended claim 1 is patentable over Weinman in view of Katseff under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) since Weinman and Katseff separately or combined do not disclose the steps recited in amended claim 1. Claims 2-5, as presently in the application, are directly or indirectly dependent from amended claim 1 and are patentable for at least the same reasons as amended claim 1.

Rejection of Claims 6-10 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Amended claim 6 and dependent claims 7-10, as presently in the application, are patentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) for the same reasons as amended claim 1 and claims 2-5, as presently in the application.

Summary

In view of the foregoing, applicants respectfully request consideration of amended claims 1 and 6, reconsideration of claims 2-5 and 7-10, as presently in the application, and allowance of these claims.

Although the foregoing is believed to be dispositive of the issues in the application, if the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution, the Examiner is invited to call applicants' attorney at the telephone

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